

Michael J. Kurtz, Assistant Archivist, Record Services; and public witnesses.

WESTERN EUROPE DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Developments in Western Europe. Testimony was heard from Charles Ries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for European Affairs, Department of State.

CONFERENCE REPORT VA, HUD, APPROPRIATIONS, 2001

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commission, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh and Mollohan.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 114, Making further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on S. 2796, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2 shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that should the Senate bill, as amended, pass the House, it then shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 2796 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that certain suspensions will be in

order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, October 19, 2000. The rule lays House Resolutions 615 and 633 on the table.

VACATED PROCEEDINGS, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999 CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: By unanimous consent, vacated the proceedings of the Rules Committee on August 5, 1999 on ordering reported a rule providing for considering of the Conference Report to Accompany S. 506, The Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on issues related to the attack on the U.S.S. Cole, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings on the Department of Energy's decision to release 30 million barrels of crude oil from the strategic petroleum reserve and the bid process used to award contracts regarding the same, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on potential timber sale contract liability incurred by the government as a result of timber sale contract cancellations, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to mark up S. 1020, to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts; S. Res. 231, referring S. 1456 entitled "A bill for the relief of Rocco A. Trecosta of Fort Lauderdale, Florida" to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon; S. Res. 340, designating December 10, 2000, as "National Children's Memorial Day"; S. Res. 339, designating November 18, 2000, as "National Survivors of Suicide Day"; the nomination of Gregory A. Vega, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California; and to consider a committee resolution for personal appearance subpoena pursuant to Rule 26 to the Department of Energy regarding Secretary Richardson, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Strategic Petroleum Reserve: A Closer Look at the Drawdown, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following draft reports entitled: "The Tragedy at Waco: New Evidence Examined;" "Janet Reno's Stewardship of the Justice Department: A Failure to Serve the Ends of Justice;" and "Management Practices at the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.